**Online Classroom**

**D2L**

In preparing to teach my last class, I decided to take advantage of the D2l (Desire 2 Learn) that we have available here at OSUIT. I previously had not used any type of online class room, mainly because it was something new and I was being lazy. I set up my Air Conditioning 1 course into D2L this last three weeks.

I noticed right off that I like the communication I had with the students regarding assignments and class projects. I also noticed the students were responding much better to my discussion question I had posted. This allowed me some more shop time, and allowed some of the discussion to be moved from my class to the online classroom. I believe the students were more comfortable with this method compared to live discussions during face to face meetings.

I now have set up more of my class on D2L, and have found I like the interaction with the students. I also have better documentation of what the students did or didn’t do. I can also cover more of the hands on by transferring some of the class stuff into the online classroom.

I decided to poll the students to find out if this was better for them also, or if I was the only one who thought it was better. I found that most of my students like the online classroom, especially for discussion questions, as well as interaction with the other students about projects we were doing in the shop. I believe the students did a better job with my homework questions, instead of a homework sheet.

I will be transferring all of my classes over into the online classroom, to aid in the instruction of my automotive classes. I was impressed with the response of the students, as well as the ability to document the student’s progress. I feel like this is an excellent addition to my class, and also helps give the students access to how the course will flow. I was very impressed with this methods trial.